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In re the Application of

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For: LONG-RETENTION HAIRSTYLING GEL

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed October 29, 2004.

35 USC §112 Rejection of Claims 26, 28-35, 37-39 and 45-58

The limitation recited in claims 26 and 45, "wherein the film-forming polymer is a branched block copolymer consists essentially of n-butyl acrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and allyl methacrylate as a bifunctional monomer," is clearly supported by the originally filed specification and/or the originally filed claims.

The original filed specification describes that the film-forming polymer according to the present invention is a branched block copolymer having a structure consisting of hydrophobic blocks onto which a certain number of more hydrophilic blocks are attached via bifunctional units (see page 3, lines 8-12). Furthermore, this film-forming polymer can have the following composition (page 3, lines 20-25):